



## Sermon Discussion Guide – “Talk Like Jesus”

### Introduction

Words matter. We’ve all experienced the power of words to heal, encourage, wound, or destroy. In this message, we see that Jesus didn’t just speak truth randomly—He spoke the right words to the right people at the right time because He stayed closely connected to the Father. This discussion explores how our words reveal our hearts and how spending time WITH Jesus transforms the way we speak.

### 1. Our Words Reveal What’s in Our Hearts

Read: Luke 6:43-45 and Proverbs 18:21

Jesus teaches that our speech is fruit produced from what fills our hearts. Our words are not random—they reveal what is truly happening inside us.

#### Discussion Questions

- What kinds of words tend to come out of you when you are stressed, angry, tired, or discouraged?
- Why do you think Jesus connects speech to the condition of the heart instead of simply behavior?
- Can you remember a time when someone’s words deeply impacted you—for good or bad?
- What does it mean that the tongue has “the power of life and death”?

### 2. Jesus Spoke According to the Father’s Voice

Read: John 8:25-30, John 12:44-50, John 14:5-11

In each passage, Jesus says He only speaks what the Father gives Him to say. Yet His words are different depending on the audience and situation.

#### Discussion Questions

- What differences do you notice between how Jesus speaks to skeptics, crowds, and disciples?
- Why is it important that Jesus adjusted His words based on the people He was speaking to?
- What does this teach us about speaking truth with wisdom and discernment?
- Why do you think Jesus sometimes chose not to say everything He could have said?

### 3. Sometimes Wisdom Sounds Like Silence

Read: James 1:19-20

James tells believers to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.” Jesus modeled this perfectly.

#### Discussion Questions

- Why is listening often harder than speaking?
- What is the connection between quick speech and anger?
- When is silence wiser than speaking?
- How can prayer help us slow down our reactions?

### 4. Staying WITH Jesus Changes Our Speech

Throughout this WITH Jesus series, the foundation has been abiding with Christ. Speech transformation is not ultimately about communication techniques—it is about relationship.

#### Discussion Questions

- How does spending time with Jesus affect the way we talk to people?
- Which part of T.H.I.N.K. is hardest for you personally?
  - True
  - Helpful
  - Inspiring
  - Necessary
  - Kind
- What practical steps can help you pause before speaking this week?
- How can our words better reflect Jesus in our homes, workplaces, friendships, and church?

This week, before responding in conversation, conflict, online interaction, or frustration, pause and ask:

#### **T.H.I.N.K.**

- Is it **True**?
- Is it **Helpful**?
- Is it **Inspiring**?
- Is it **Necessary**?
- Is it **Kind**?

People who live WITH Jesus should speak words that reflect His heart.